

Quarterly Issues Report  
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## AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS and HEALTHCARE

The fourth quarter brought viewers awareness to breast cancer. We broke down the options that women have for breast cancer treatment. Viewers got a personal look into the life of a local breast cancer survivor and her tough battle through the treatment. Viewers got to see a different kind of health care, for pets. Kids showed their commitment to being physically fit by walking to school. Viewers also saw the fallout of a local pharmacy after an FBI raid.

**10-4-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:07)**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and any doctor will tell you: Early detection is your best chance for survival. If you don't have insurance or if you are under-insured, the Y-W-C-A's Women's Cancer Program is here to help. NewsChannel 18's Liz Nichols explains how.

**10-5-11 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :42)**

Kids all over the state, including our area, walked and rode their bikes to school. The event was started over ten years ago in an effort to keep kids physically active.

**10-5-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)**

All the sunny and warm weather is music to the ears and money in the bank for farmers all over the greater Lafayette area. And that's good news, even if you aren't a farmer.

**10-5-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)**

One in eight women in the US will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime according to the American Cancer Society. With so many women hearing the scary news, treatment plans can be overwhelming. NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore breaks down the options.

**10-5-11 (During the eleven o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)**

All this temperate weather is a boost for farmers all over the greater Lafayette area. NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein explains why that's good news, even if you aren't a farmer.

**10-6-11 (During the morning broadcast, Duration :40)**

Cold and rainy weather slowed the corn crop. However, after the snap in cold weather and warmer temperatures hitting the high 80's, the corn crop looked to get a boost and helped local farmers catch up.

**10-14-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:16)**

Continuing our commitment to Breast Cancer Awareness month, NewsChannel 18's Liz Nichols sat down, one-on-one with a breast cancer survivor. Becky Winger is now cancer free, but she had a tough journey to get there. She explains why getting the diagnosis doesn't mean your life stops.

**10-21-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

Lowe's Home Improvement offered tips and tricks to help keep your home warm during the winter months.

**10-24-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

From acupuncture to aromatherapy.. many "people" are finding pain relief from non-traditional medicine. Now pets are too. NewsChannel 18's Niccole Caan spoke with one veterinarian who says she has a thriving business based on alternative therapies. Pine Village vet Cathy Alinovi says treatments like acupuncture and adjustments for pets can help their quality of life and your pocketbook.

**10-25-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

More than a dozen Carroll County residents attended an informational meeting about a proposal for a new, large pig farm. Those in attendance expressed concerns about how the farm could hurt water quality. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management answered specific questions from the audience.

**11-16-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)**

It's been a rough recovery since the start of the Great Recession back in 2008 ... and forecasters say they predict more gloom. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery explains why local economists aren't optimistic about 2012.

**11-17-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)**

Saturday afternoon Family Pharmacare will close for good, a week after an FBI raid. NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore explains how customers are having to deal with the sudden closing.

**11-19-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)**

A local business is stepping up to fill the void left by Family Pharamcare's closing in West Lafayette. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro has more.

**11-21-11 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 1:40)**

Another health-related business is stepping up to fill the void left after Family Pharamcare closes its doors...NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro explains how customers and employees are handling the situation.

**11-21-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

Under re-evaluated guidelines from the Federal Government things like pizza and French fries will count towards a child's veggie intake. We spoke with local school corporations to see if this will affect their menu items.

**11-22-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:20)**

A family spoke out after they said a St. Elizabeth nurse gave their baby the wrong medication. The family said the nurse sent the family home with an anti-psychotic medication, instead of an anti-nausea medication.

**11-22-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)**

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's, get this: The average American gains seven to 10 pounds. And most of us don't lose it all after the new year, either. NewsChannel 18's Liz Nichols has some tips on how to avoid over-eating this Thanksgiving.

**11-23-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:35)**

Major retail stores aren't the only ones across the country preparing for Friday. Shops right here in downtown are also hoping holiday shoppers pay them visit... to help boost the local economy.

**11-25-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)**

For millions of Americans.. Black Friday means shopping when it's still dark out. But the name Black Friday actually originates from the day when stores went into the black for the year and start to turn a profit. But it's not just big box stores looking to make that true. News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports smaller local shops were hoping to do the same.

**11-28-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)**

The Indiana State Department of Health releases its annual Medical Error Report. The report looks at incidents that occurred in 2010. A total of 107 incidents were reported, which is the highest number of incidents since the annual report began five years ago.

**11-28-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Some Lafayette businesses are pleased with the result of "Small Business Saturday." NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano explains why stores were more prepared for this year's big turnout.

**12-5-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

The United States Postal Service moves forward with a proposal to cut service standards. It could be the first step to closing the Lafayette processing facility. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano reports on whether area residents are concerned about the changes.

**12-6-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore shows us what is left of the McClean Orchard near Brookston. Leslie Conwell is searching for salvagable belongings at her family's orchard farm after a fire claimed to barns yesterday.

**12-25-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)**

Many adults out there may be enjoying a glass of wine this Christmas day....and some good news for those that prefer the Indiana grape, it seems as though this year's crop will make for a very good vintage in the coming years. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro takes a look at this year's grape harvest in Indiana, and what that means for local wineries.

**12-27-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)**

As we come to the close of 2011 of course there is a lot of focus on the future of our economy. NewsChannel 18's Jamie Jackson reports.. our area has weathered the storm for now.

## CRIME

Viewers in our fourth quarter saw one of the most telling visual elements in the month of October. Paul Spencer led Lafayette police on a chase that ended with gunfire. Kyle Lynch was sentenced to 70 years for molesting a three year old. A meth lab exploded in Lafayette. An elderly man was found dead in his home and police ruled it suspicious. "Hot trucks" popped up in our area. Drivers were hauling meat products without their refrigerator units running and what our cameras uncovered was appalling.

**10-3-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

A murder victim's family files a lawsuit against the state. Loren Hamilton Fry is accused of shooting 76-year-old David Schroder in the head on September 20th. The wrongful death suit was filed last week by Schroder's two sons in Cass Superior Court II.

**10-3-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)**

In both cases filed last week, courts say women were abused with weapons, in front of their children. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano joins us now with more on our top story. The doctor and domestic violence victim advocate we spoke with say the cases were disappointing, but not surprising.

**10-4-11 (During the noon broadcast, Duration 1:28)**

A Lafayette man is in stable condition this evening, after a meth lab explodes in Lafayette. Police have arrested another man, accused of manufacturing methamphetamine. NewsChannel 18's Liz Nichols shows us the scene as police and firefighters arrived.

**10-10-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)**

Purdue police investigated a bottle bomb explosion on campus. Witnesses saw a driver throw a one-liter bottle out the window of a car. They saw the bottle swell and then explode.

**10-11-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

The mother of the woman who was killed, Tammy Birdsell, say the hearing today at the courthouse in Delphi is the first step towards justice for her daughter.

**10-12-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

A person went to check on an elderly neighbor. Upon arrival, the individual found the 84 year-old man, William Hartlep lying on the ground unresponsive. Police were notified. They ruled a "suspicious death."

**10-13-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)**

Police ruled the death of William Hartlep as a homicide. An autopsy began at 2:30. According to one of the deputy coroners, the results of that autopsy will most likely not be released until the following day.

**10-19-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

Lafayette Police officers responded to an arson call. A police chase ensued. The man got out of his car with a knife and police fired shots at the individual, Paul Spencer.

**10-19-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

Back in December of 2009 Spencer was the subject of a "WLFJ Fugitive Search" when he was wanted by police on a felony battery warrant. A month later in January of 2010, Police say spotted Spencer and chased him briefly. Officers terminated the chase before they caught him. But they later arrested him without incident.

**10-20-11 (During the morning broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

We're learning new details this morning after a man is killed in a police shooting after stabbing an officer. That officer is Ron Dombkowski, who has served with Lafayette Police for 13 years.

He is also a K-9 officer for the department and the brother of West Lafayette Police Chief Jason Dombkowski. NewsChannel 18's Niccole Caan explains it all started when police responded to a call about a possible arson shortly before five yesterday morning.

**10-20-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

An update on the condition of the officer stabbed in the police action shooting. Officer Ron Dombkowski is in the hospital and recovering well. He could be released early this afternoon.

**10-20-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

After an early morning police action shooting Wednesday, NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro spoke to neighbors, and got some more answers about the original call of arson and fight that first brought police to the scene.

**10-21-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

The entire truck load of meat and vegetables that this semi driver was carrying yesterday had to be destroyed because it wasn't properly refrigerated. But Indiana State Police say that the discovery of so called 'hot trucks' is a continuing problem that may not be ending anytime soon.

**10-25-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)**

New information tonight as Lafayette Police release their review of last week's police action shooting that killed a man. We now know 10 shots were fired by police last Wednesday, seven hitting Paul Spencer. NewsChannel 18's Niccole Caan reports a review board says their actions were justified and they can return to work. The shooting review board determined the officers appropriately identified a threat and quickly eliminated it.

**10-25-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

The police action shooting is one of several crime stories that had viewers talking in recent weeks. Many question if crime is on the rise in Lafayette. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano reports the numbers may not back that up.

**10-26-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)**

Lafayette police continue to work leads in the death investigation of 84-year-old William Hartlep. Yesterday his family came forward, asking for help in that investigation. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro has the story.

**10-26-11 (During the eleven o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

A man who shot and killed two hunting dogs last year will serve a year-and-a-half probation for the crime. NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore was at the sentencing today and takes us to the scene where the two dogs were killed last December.

**10-27-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

A 48 year-old man allegedly attacked a co-worker with a knife. Silvario Martinez-Marin faces aggravated battery charges after allegedly attacking 45-year-old Ageo Gonzales. Gonzales went to St. Clair Hospital in Crawfordsville with several stab wounds to his hands. Court documents say one was so deep doctors believe he could have lost a finger.



**11-1-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)**

Purdue Police investigated the theft of signs around campus. Two signs were valued at over three thousand dollars. A sign was stolen from a computer science building and another from the Latino Cultural Center.

**11-17-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)**

All L-P-D officers were cleared of any wrongdoing by both a review board and the Tippecanoe County prosecutor. Now we know what led up to their actions in the early morning hours of October 19th. As a warning some of this audio may be considered too intense for some viewers.

**11-18-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

Tippecanoe Superior Judge Randy Williams sentenced Lynch to 70 years in prison. Lynch's attorney, Patrick Manahan, says because his client will be classified as a Credit Four Restricted felon, he'll serve about 85 percent of that time, or close to 60 years. Lynch was very quiet in the courtroom, but then later lashed out.

**11-18-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)**

After Lafayette Police released the dash cam video from the October Police action shooting, we talked to police officers to get their reaction. Lafayette Police told us about the 21 foot rule during Police training. The rule states that a person with a knife can cover 21 feet in about one and a half seconds. That means the person with a knife can get to an officer quicker than the officer can draw their gun.

**11-21-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)**

Smash and grab thieves were keeping police busy. Wabash Landing in West Lafayette had multiple cars broken into. Police say they see a rise in this kind of activity during the holidays. Police stress the importance of hiding and locking your belongings away.

**11-22-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)**

A Lafayette woman hid Oxycontin pills in her underwear. Police say they pulled over 21- year- old Melinda Kult during a routine traffic stop. When asked whether or not she had the pills in her possession she admitted they were in her underwear.

**11-24-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

A stabbing occurred at Modernaire Mobile Home Park off State Road 25 in Tippecanoe County. Police say a party got out of hand and a person was stabbed. The individual was taken to the hospital and treated for superficial stab wounds.

**12-21-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)**

NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro shows us how local law enforcement are preparing for the influx of people and the influx of potential sex trafficking problems.

**12-21-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

A Tippecanoe County home broken into...the Christmas presents? Gone. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery has more on what one family is calling a "holiday nightmare".

**12-22-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:15)**

A Frankfort church was broken into twice in one week. Faith Family Ministries had electronics stolen

from the property. Frankfort Police said there have been 67 reported burglaries so far during the month of December.

## DIVERSITY

The Red Kettle campaign kicked off and the Salvation Army exceeded their goal by 58,000. Food Finders launched a food drive with the goal of exceeding 100,000 pounds of food. We took our viewers to the "Exploration Acres." The Hunger Hike had a record setting amount of donations come in. A local man kicked off a personal effort to save a tree more than 200 years old. A Lafayette landmark is torn down.

**10-2-11 (During the eleven o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

The leaves are beginning to change and the weather's turning cooler, but the outdoor fun hasn't stopped. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro takes us to "Exploration Acres" for this week's edition of Indiana Interests.

**10-21-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)**

A local middle school held a dance under the stars event in remembrance of a teacher and coach. The benefit raised money for the Bill Greene Fund to benefit students in need.

**10-25-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

It may not be the London bridge, but bit by bit, one Lafayette landmark is falling down. NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore takes us inside the demolition of the historic Pythian Home.

**10-26-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

The YWCA held an event for women called "Hats off for Cancer Myths." The skit flushed out myths and excuses some women may use to avoid getting regular mammograms.

**10-26-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)**

Food Finders kicked off it's biggest food drive of the year. With the rising costs in food prices the organization had trouble stocking its shelves. The goal of the food drive was to exceed 100,000 pounds of food.

**10-29-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro joined up with protesters in Lafayette to ask them how their protest differs from those in other cities.

**11-18-11 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :20)**

The Salvation Army launched it's Red Kettle campaign today. The goal for this year was 160 thousand dollars.

**11-20-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

The Salvation Army is in need of donations AND volunteers. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery explains how donating just a few hours could help bring the holiday spirit to those less fortunate.

**11-22-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

Christos restaurant group donated ten-thousand pounds of food and supplies to Food Finders. This is the third year that the has donated food to Food Finders. Last year the group donated three-thousand pounds of food.

**11-26-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

Every holiday season, the Salvation Army raises money for families in need through its Red Kettle Campaign with the help of special volunteers. But for the past three years, Major Jim Irvine with the Salvation Army in Lafayette says one volunteer easily comes to mind. And as News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports, this volunteer is unique , he's a volunteer who brings nothing but love and a special connection to those around him.

**11-27-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

A local legislator is asking you to consider using a special occasion as an opportunity to give back. State Senator Ron Alting decided to use his recent wedding day to give a boost to a program feeding kids in our area. NewsChannel 18's Kristen Maiorano has the story.

**11-28-11 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :30)**

San Diego Padres Pitcher Clayton Richard hosted a sold-out fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club in Battle Ground.

**12-1-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)**

A Burrows man is determined to save a two centuries old tree from being cut down. NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore was there as Curt Brown parked his tractor next to the tree in an effort to keep crews from cutting it down. Curt Brown is hoping his tactics will save the old tree that generations in his family have grown up admiring.

**12-5-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

The group Boiler Share-and-care kicked off a collection campaign today for Food Finders Food bank.

**12-14-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

The Hunger Hike reeled in a record setting 93 thousand dollars. All the money raised directly benefits Lafayette Urban Ministry, Food Finders Food Bank and the St. Thomas Aquinas Haiti Project. A record setting 32 thousand dollars came from corporate donors.

**12-14-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

It's an annual event that provides almost 2 dozen kids this year with a merry Christmas. Shop With a Mayor is ever more important for the families who have struggled through a difficult year. But it comes with a much deeper meaning for one organizer who remembers his son taken far too early.

**12-22-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

The Indiana Department of Transportation restructured their plans to help salvage the 200 year-old tree. The man that had protested the tree removal by parking his tractor next to it was glad to hear the tree would be saved.

**12-28-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)**

The numbers came in for the Red Kettle campaign. The Salvation Army raised over 168 thousand dollars. That was an eight percent increase over last year and exceeded the Salvation Army's goal by eight thousand dollars.

## EDUCATION

Vouchers continued to be one of the hottest topics in education during the fourth quarter. School officials discussed the monetary impact vouchers have on the public school system. Superintendent Ed Eiler continued to voice concerns against the voucher program. Ivy Tech expanded its outreach by breaking ground on a new site.

**10-3-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

Purdue will receive nearly one-million-dollars over the next five years after the U-S Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration awarded the university. The funding will be geared toward developing entrepreneurship curriculum.

**10-4-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

With college tuition continuing to rise, Purdue's president announces a multi-million dollar scholarship challenge. NewsChannel 18's Niccole Caan was there as France Cordova told students about this brand-new and large scholarship opportunity.

**10-12-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

Ivy Tech along with the Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network, a United Way Agency, hosted a poverty education seminar. Participant assume the roles of families living in poverty.

**10-24-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)**

Crawfordsville and Montgomery County officials welcomed Ivy Tech to town in a ground breaking ceremony. Officials hope to bring two thousand students to the new facility. The new campus is expected to take a year and a half to complete.

**11-3-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:10)**

Nearly four thousand students signed up for the voucher program this year. That's the highest amount out of all the states. For public schools, that means a loss of more than 16 million dollars. Lafayette School Corporation lost 28 students, which equates to an immediate loss of 150 thousand dollars.

**11-13-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)**

Ivy Tech Officials in Henry County are considering whether to direct over one and a half million dollars toward a new classroom site for Ivy Tech Community College. The money would come from Henry County's food-and-beverage tax revenue.

**11-14-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

Kids at Cole Elementary School participated in an educational program complete with games geared toward recycling education. The program is part of 'Keep Stockwell Beautiful.'

**11-26-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

State lawmakers getting ready for what looks to be a jam-packed, short session. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro caught up with several local House Representatives to see just what bills we can expect to see this session in tonight's top story.

**12-11-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)**

New bills have been written at the state house, and first drafts were due Friday. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro caught up with a few local legislators and asked what issues they're tackling this session in tonight's top story.

**12-19-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)**

A judge will decide if the state's voucher program is unconstitutional in the next 30 days. Superintendent Ed Eiler joined us live in the studio to discuss his viewpoint on the voucher program.

## TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE

With bridges facing deterioration, we took a look at bridges in our area to see if they're safe. The creation of a recycling center hit some road blocks. A local park underwent renovations. Viewers saw highway departments preparing for the winter months. Flooding shut down streets in our viewing area. Talks of a pig farm in our viewing area led to a heated debate. After the collapse of a water tower in Goodland, we looked into why it happened and what's being done to prevent other towers from coming down.



**10-3-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:05)**

Financial woes are slowing the production of a recycling center. The lowest bid for the project came in at 450 thousand dollars. The county is short 75 thousand dollars.

**10-5-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

University Farm Park underwent some renovations in West Lafayette. The park was unveiled today in a ceremony that showed upgrades to a couple of play areas for children. The construction for the park was a year long process.

**10-7-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Today those gathered at the annual Hoosier Heartland luncheon heard some positive news.

The project is on schedule and the surrounding communities should soon start to see the benefits of the road project. Alex Deiro reports.

**10-11-11(During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

Two men were killed during the construction of a radio tower in April. The company building the tower, Electronic Research Incorporated, could face fines. IOSHA found as many as nine violations of state code.

**10-18-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

County Road 50 South between County Road 550 East and 675 East closed. Contractors worked on the McCarty Lane Extension from 550 East to State Road 26. The road is expected to be closed for about two months.

**10-25-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

More than a dozen Carroll County residents attended an informational meeting about a proposal for a new large pig farm. The farm could house more than nine thousand pigs. A response from the state is not expected until March.

**10-27-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

The Wildcat Creek Waste District serves both Tippecanoe and Clinton Counties. But tension between county officials and the Wildcat Creek Solid Waste District, could soon make them cut ties. NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore explains how a possible split would affect you.

**11-7-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Meanwhile.. more jobs are also coming to neighboring Carroll County. The county's largest employer is expanding and creating new jobs. NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore reports county officials sold land to Indiana Packers Corporation to make sure it stays put.

**11-9-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

How does a 300- thousand gallon water tower collapse and crumble to the ground? Goodland town officials in Newton County are stumped, so are engineers. NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore takes a look at one theory.

**11-10-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

After the fall of the Goodland water tower, other communities start to wonder, could the same thing

could happen here? NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore explains how other towns are focusing on their water towers.

**11-11-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

The Lafayette area has three water tanks. The oldest one dates back to 1894 and had major improvements done in 2007. Inspections are done every 10 years. The city only inspects them every 10 years because they are tanks not towers. Purdue's water tower is cleaned and inspected every two years.

**11-14-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore explains though it may be hard to imagine walking in a winter land now, many highway departments are.

**11-16-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:45)**

With major bridges like the Sherman Minton Bridge over the Ohio River closing because of deterioration, NewsChannel 18 decided it was time to take a look at the bridges in our area. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro joins us now for a special report.

**11-17-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

A lane shift was implemented on State Road 25. One lane of traffic in each direction will begin using the new southbound lanes between County Road 500 South as part of the new Hoosier Heartland corridor. County Road 500 West will be permanently closed.

**11-21-11 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Tippecanoe County Commissioners begin the process of breaking-up with Clinton County and their relationship for getting rid of hazardous waste. NewsChannel 18's Tiffanie Dismore explains what the county's options are.

**11-29-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:25)**

Flooding is still a concern in some areas, particularly after the steady rain we saw earlier in the day. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano reports that today's rain could affect tomorrow's snow cleanup.

**12-1-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

Department of Transportation officials give a "Q- and- A" session to update concerned citizens on the Hoosier Heartland Industrial Corridor. That's the name for the new State Road 25 under construction connecting Lafayette to Logansport.. tying in with other roads to give a direct link to Fort Wayne and Toledo, Ohio. The open house update ended a lot earlier than expected. Dan Klein reports.

**12-5-11 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)**

Commissioners approved the refinancing of bonds that were used for constructing an addition to the jail in 2001. The commissioners said this will save the county 1.3 million dollars.

**12-5-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

Indiana Department of Transportation officials traveled to Logansport to answer questions about the Hoosier Heartland Corridor. Those in attendance expressed concerns about the construction, namely how it will affect their businesses. The corridor is expected to reach completion at the end of 2013.

**12-21-11 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:15)**

The Islamic Society of Greater Lafayette won re-zoning for a ten-acre site. The APC voted unanimously to rezone the site from Agricultural to Single Family Residential.